



Mrs. J. P. McGill.
Emerson,
Iowa.

Tuesday ev.

Coburg, Iowa,
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Dear Mamma.

It is now five minutes till eight and I have just got my little washing out. I commenced as soon as I got home from school (about five o'clock) got my clothes on to boil before supper and then I finished after supper. I didn't have very much but I am awful tired I have to sweep the schoolhouse every night. I found three letters when I got home, yours, one from Alice and some blanks from W. W. He also sent me a little book containing the course of study for normal. It begins Aug. 15th & lasts till the twenty seventh.

A very pleasant surprise reached me Sun. eve in the shape of F. C. K. he was as wet as a rat but he got here. I was so glad to see him. I don't see why they are so careless with my letters. Sometimes they lay in the office in Coburg two or three days. But don't blame me if you don't receive an answer by return mail, for you can see by the date "I'm all right." I'm sorry Jennie don't like her school & I like mine and I like to teach. I haven't had any trouble, but I think there are some children who will think they have, if things don't work a little different. And about my boarding place. I like everything but the landlady and she is too much like

Tell Fred. Davis
of the tourist
the gun that
came for me
to let it go on
I can't get
here for
him.

I.
Tell Minnie
not to think
how a fraud
for I will
be write
to her some
day soon

"the folks living south of you.
to suit this chicken. It's just
too killing! when any one goes
by she wonders who that is and
where they can be going and what
they are going for and "everything
like that. and you can bet. She
never lets any one pass without her
seeing them. Don't worry about
me leaving my letters around
loose. I think her curiosity
would tempt her beyond her
power so I always lock my
trunk and take the key with me
Frank told me of the death of
Freeda and of Mrs. Buckles &
three children also Mabel M.
He said he wanted to come after me
Fri. eve. so I could attend Freeda's
funeral but it was too late when

He got around to it. I was very much surprised to hear of so many deaths. Freda's school-mates surely did something nice in getting the flowers. It must have been a sad funeral. I hope you will all keep well, but I guess you couldn't take the diphtheria could you? Wilber might though. Mr. Montgomery hasn't been to visit my school yet the roads have been so bad he couldn't. I have had two visitors Kate Pinn and Frank K.

So you are taking boarders Darn the men! sleeping in my room! I guess you haven't any room for me any more so I'll just stay here. How are you getting along with your carpet bags? I am going home with Tucker's kids Fri. night and stay all night. I was invited to see

Irish dance last-Fri. ev. I didn't care to be a "wall flower" so I stayed at home. but I am getting almost desperate- I haven't met any "society" at all since I came here. I told Mrs. S. if I got invited to another dance I was going. We didn't get to go to Essex Sun. It rained all day. but next Sun. is our day at the I. O. O. F. There is a preacher come down from Red Oak. He is a splendid preacher too, a regular "ratter". There was a law suit in town last Thurs. A man named Burris (ack. member) and Tom Docker got in a fight, and Docker "licked" and then the other fellow had him arrested. Mr. S. was on the jury. They sat up all Thurs.

night with it and then didn't
decide it. They had to take it to
Red Oak. We had the chores to do
that night. I milked the cow
I did it up fine too. Say we
have a calf here every Sunday
Come out next Sun. It's have
three calves now they all came
on Sun. one right after another
that is I mean our Sunday
right after another. Don't you
get awful tired when you have
so much cooking to do besides
your washing? Don't wash the
"Grease" out of you, because it
isn't required you know. I
went out yesterday and played
drop the handkerchief with the
kiddie and today I'm as stiff
as anything, and this is my
"week off" too so I'm not
feeling very gay. It is almost nine
clock hoping to hear from you soon
I am as ever your loving dau. Carrie